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1. BRIEFING ANGOLA ON CAPETOWN TALKS --

INDIAN AMB JAIPAL SAID THAT WESTERN FIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA MIGHT SPLIT SWAPO DOWN THE MIDDLE, AND STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF SEEKING AGREEMENT OF ANGOLA, WHICH COULD PLAY A PIVOTAL ROLE WITH SWAPO, CANADIAN AMB BARTON TOLD US. BARTON SUGGESTED REINFORCING TO THE ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT THE BRIEFING ASSIGNMENT TAKEN ON BY FRANCE IN LUANDA. (CONFIDENTIAL - USUN 1483)

2. MAPUTO CONFERENCE --

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THE FIVE HELD FURTHER MEETING AT STAFF LEVEL TO CONSIDER JOINT PREPARATIONS FOR THE MAPUTO CONFERENCE. DISCUSSION PROVED USEFUL IN DEVELOPING A SHARED APPROACH, ALTHOUGH ALL RECOGNIZED THAT THE ATMOSPHERE AND DEVELOPMENTS AT THE CONFERENCE WOULD HAVE TO CONDITION THE CHARACTER OF PUBLIC STATEMENTS, CORRIDOR ACTIVITIES, AND MANNER OF RECORDING NON-ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAPUTO DECLARATION. THEY AGREED THAT ROWLANDS SPEECH SHOULD TAKE THE LEAD, AS AMONG THE FIVE, CONCERNING RHODESIA, AND THE BRITISH INDICATED MAIN POINTS OF THE UK STATEMENT ALTHOUGH IT DOES NOT YET HAVE MINISTERIAL APPROVAL. THE UK SUGGESTED THE US TAKE THE LEAD IN SPEAKING TO THE CONFERENCE ON NAMIBIA, BUT NO CONCLUSION WAS REACHED. ALL RECOGNIZED THE FIVE MAY WISH ON THE SPOT TO REPLY TO ATTACKS BY IMPORTANT SPEAKERS, E.G. MACHEL ON NAMIBIA, BUT TO EXTENT POSSIBLE WOULD PROBABLY WANT TO AVOID REPLYING TO EVERY CRITICAL STATEMENT. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 1491, 1494)

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3. CONTTIBUTIONS TO MAPUTO CONFERENCE --

UN/OPI ANNOUNCED THAT 49 STATES AND THE LIBERATION COMMITTEE OF THE OAU HAVE NOW MADE OR ANNOUNCED PLEDGES OR PAYMENTS FOR THE MAPUTO CONFERENCE, IN A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$317,831.

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4. RHODESIAN SANCTIONS --

UK MISOFF TALKED WITH AMB RAMPHUL (MAURITIUS) REGARDING THE ON-GOING PROBLEM OF THE SPECIAL REPORT ON RHODESIAN SANCTIONS, TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR SECURITY COUNCIL ACTION MAY 26. RAMPHUL TRIED OUT SEVERAL TEXTUAL CHANGES,BUT THE BRITISH TOLD HIM THE UK AND "OTHERS" WOULD VOTE AGAINST SUCH LANGUAGE AND ASKED HIM TO UNDERTAKE A MAJOR EFFORT TO CONVINCE THE CONFIDENTIAL

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SOVIETS AND AFRICANS THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO PROCEED WITH THE ALREADY-AGREED PACKAGE WITHOUT AMENDMENTS OR ADDITIONS. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 1490)

5. AGENDA FOR SPECIAL GA ON DISARMAMENT --

ON BEHALF OF "A NUMBER OF WESTERN COUNTRIES, " AUSTRALIAN AND NORWEGIAN REPRESENTATIVES PRESENTED TO THE NONALIGNED CONTACT GROUP (EGYPT, INDIA, MEXICO, SRI LANKA, YUGOSLAVIA) AN ALTERNATIVE DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE SPECIAL GA ON DISARMAMENT. THE "WESTERN" DRAFT IS A MODIFIED VERSION OF THE NONALIGNED PROPOSAL AND WAS DEVELOPED WITHIN THE BARTON GROUP. ACCORDING TO OXLEY (AUSTRALIA), THE CONTACT GROUP RAISED OBJECTIONS TO EACH OF THE PROPOSED REVISIONS, BUT UNDERTOOK TO DISCUSS THE DRAFT WITH THE REST OF THE NON-ALIGNED GROUP AND REPORT REACTIONS. EASTERN EUROPEANS ALSO HAVE GIVEN THE NONALIGNED CONTACT GROUP THEIR OWN PROPOSED DRAFT, HIGHLIGHTING "PREPARATION FOR" A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE. AMONG THE NONALIGNED, YUGOSLAVS APPEAR TO BE MAINTAINING THE STRONGEST POSITION AGAINST COMPROMISE WITH THE SOVIETS ON THE WDC ISSUE. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 1488)

6. RESUMPTION OF 31ST GA --

PAKISTANI AMB AKHUND INDICATED THE SIGNALS HE IS GETTING FROM PEREZ GUERRERO AND THE GROUP OF 19 IN PARIS POINT TO FACT THAT, IF CIEC MEETINGS ARE UNRESPONSIVE TO LDC NEEDS, PRESSURES WILL BE HIGH FOR A RENEWED 31ST GA IN LATTER PART OF JUNE. AMB DADZIE (GHANA, GENEVA) COMMENTED TO AMB WELLS THA SUCH VIEWS WERE PREDICTABLE AS MEANS OF KEEPING WESTERN FEET TO FIRE. BRAZILIAN AMB CORREA DA COSTA AND SRI LANKA AMB AMERASINGHE PREFERRED BRIEF RESUMPTION IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING OPENING OF

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7. LAW OF THE SEA --

GROUP OF 77 IS CURRENTLY CONCENTRATING ON ART. 9, PARA 1, OF THE LOS COMMITTEE 1 REVISED SINGLE NEGOTIATING TEXT, AS WELL AS SEABED DISPUTES SETTLEMENT PROCEDURES DEALING WITH CONTRACTURAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DISPUTES. ACCORDING TO CORRIDOR TALK, LANDLOCKED AND GEOGRAPHICALLY DISADVANTAGED UPSET THAT FIRST TWO TO THREE WEEKS OF FORTHCOMING LOS CONFERENCE WILL BE DEVEOTED STRICTLY TO COMMITTEE 1, AND IT IS RUMORED THEY MAY CIRCULATE COMPLAINT TO LOS SECRETARIAT. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 1479)

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8. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL --

BY SECRET BALLOT, IN THE MORNING MAY 11, ECOSOC ELECTED THE US (43 VOTES), AUSTRALIA (36) AND FRANCE (45) AS WEO MEMBERS ON HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION. FRG, WHICH RECIVED 29 VOTES, WAS THUS NOT ELECTED. POLAND AND YUGOSLAVIA WERE ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION, AND OTHERS ELECTED TO HRC WERE IRAN (40) OVER PHILIPPINES (14), BRAZIL (42), AND COLOMBIA (46). SEVERAL DELS DISAGREED ON WHETHER OR NOT THE THREE AFRICAN CANDIDATES PUT FORWARD BY THE OAU SECRETARIAT --BURUNDI, ETHIOPIA AND IVORY COAST -- HAD BEEN ENDORSED BY THE AFRICAN GROUP. EGYPT AND MOROCCO ANNOUNCED THEIR CANDIDACIES ALSO, AND THE VOTE TO FILL AFRICAN SEATS WAS DEFERRED UNTIL AFTERNOON (RESULTS WILL BE REPORTED IN USUN'S NEXT SUMMARY). THE ELECTION OF 36 MEMBERS TO CONSTITUTE THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE NEW UN SPECIAL FUND FOR LANDLOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WAS LEFT FOR ACTION BY THE RESUMED GA.

RESULTS OF OTHER ELECTIONS AT THE MORNING MEETING WERE: STATISTICAL COMMISSION -- CANADA, ETHIOPIA, JAMAICA, SPAIN, TUNISIA, USSR AND CONFIDENTIAL

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US, BY ACCLAMATION; POPULATION COMMISSON -- BARBADOS, EGYPT, INDIA, JAPAN, MALAWI, PANAMA, USSR, UK, US, BY ACCLAMATION; COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING -- BARBADOS, CANADA, CENTRAL AFRICAN EMPIRE, EGYPT, GDR, IRAQ, JAMAICA, SWEDEN AND THAILAND FOR FOUR-YEAR TERMS, AND MALAWI AND SYRIA FOR TERMS BEGINNING MAY 11 AND EXPIRING DEC. 31, 1980, BY ACCLAMATION; COMMITTEE ON REVIEW AND APPRAISAL -- ALGERIA, ARGENTINA, AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, CANADA, COLOMBIA, ECUADOR, EGYPT, FRANCE, FRG, KENYA, NETHERLANDS, NIGERIA, SURINAM, UK, CAMEROON, VENEZUELA; COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES -- SIERRA LEONE (ONE AFRICAN AND ONE ASIAN

SEAT STILL TO BE FILLED); COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT -- SIERRA LEONE (TWO SEATS STILL T BE FILLED); COMMITTEE ON FOOD AID POLICIES AND PROGRAMS -- GREECE, HUNGARY, NORWAY, TUNISIA (ONE SEAT STILL TO BE FILLED BY ECOSOC AND FIVE BY FAO COUNCIL); COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS-- ARGENTINA, BENIN, COLOMBIA, GDR, GHANA, JAPAN, ROMANIA, SURINAM, TUNISIA AND ZAMBIA BY ACCLAMATION, AND BY SECRET BALLOT FRANCE (40 VOTES), FRG (41) AND SWITZERLAND (42), WITH AUSTRALIA (33) DEFEATED. THE FOLLOWING WERE NOMINATED FOR ELECTION BY THE GA TO THE 21-STATE COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAM AND COORDINATION: BURUNDI, BRAZIL, GHANA, INDIA, INDONESIA, JAPAN AND KENYA.

9. COMMITTEE FOR SPEICLA GA ON DISARMAMENT --

THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE HEARD STATEMENTS MAY 11 BY THE REPRESENTATIVES OF FRG AND THE SOVIET UNION. BELGIUM SUPPORTED THE NONALIGNED-SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION'S AGENDA AS A BASIS FOR A POSSIBLE ANNOTATED AGENDA AND ALSO BASIS FOR CREATION OF WORKING GROUPS.

SCHLAICH (FRG) WELCOMED INITIATIVE FOR SPECIAL GA ON DISARMAMENT, BELIEVED THE TASK OF NEGOTIATING SPECIFIC SUBJECTS AND OF WORKING OUT DRAFT TREATIES SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE CCD'S DOMAIN, AND STATED THAT THE SPECIAL GA SHOULD ASSESS THE RESULTS ACHIEVED IN THE FIELD OF DISARMAMENT AND ARMS CONTROL AND PROVIDE EFFECTIVE IMPETUS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION. THE PROBLEMS OF NUCLEAR AND CONFIDENTIAL

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CONVENTIONAL DISARMAMENT SHOULD RECEIVE EQUAL TREATMENT, AND A MAIN COMMITTEE OR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SHOULD ELABORATE A FINAL POLITICAL DECLARATION REFLECTING THE CONSENSUS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY ON THE FUTURE COURSE OF INTERNATIONAL DISARMAMENT EFFORTS AND NEGOTIATIONS. SUCH A COMMITTEE WOULD ALSO BE THE MOST APPROPRIATE BODY TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE STRUCTURE OF DISARMAMENT INSTITUTIONS AND THEIR MECHANISMS, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE NEED TO MAINTAIN THE NEGOTIATING CAPACITY OF CCD.

TROYANOVSKY (SOVIET UNION) STATED THE SOVIET UNION STROVE TO END RIVALRIES IN ARMS PRODUCTION AND WAS PREPARED TO GO AS FAR IN DISARMAMENT TALKS AS ITS NEGOTIATING PARTNERS WERE. THE SOVIET DEL WAS NOT AGAINST THE FORMULATION OF CERTAIN STATEMENTS OF PRINCIPLE CONCERNING DISARMAMENT. SALT WAS AN IMPORTANT EXAMPLE OF BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS. THE SPECIAL GA'S AGENDA SHOULD INCLUDE A GENERAL DISCUSSION OF DISARMAMENT QUESTIONS, EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE, QUESTION OF ROLE OF THE UN IN THE DISARMAMENT FIELD, AND ADOPTION OF CNCLUDING DOCUMENTS. TROYANOVSKY CLAIMED THAT THERE HAD BEEN "A CERTAIN DISCRIMINATION" AGAINST THE SOCIALIST STATES IN CREATING THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE, AND STATED THAT THE

COMMITTEE SHOULD RECOMMEND THAT THE GA ALLOCATE ADDITIONAL
SEATS TO THE EE GROUP.

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10. COMMITTEE OF 24 SUBCOMMITTEE ON SMALL TERRITORIES --

THE SUBCOMMITTEE HEARD THE VIEWS MAY 10 OF FIJI AND TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, AND UK RESPONSE, ON THE TUVALU AND THE GILBERT ISLANDS, AND DECIDED TO SUSPEND DEBATE ON THOSE TERRITORIES UNTIL AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE MAPUTO CONFERENCE.

LAL (FIJI), AFTER SPEAKING OF DEVELOPMENT IN THE ISLANDS AND FIJI'S CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PEOPLE, DISCUSSED AT LENGTH THE ANXIETY OF BANABANS ABOUT THEIR FUTURE ON OCEAN ISLAND. HE SAID FIJI HAD INDICATED BOTH TO HMG AND THE BANABANS IT WOULD BE WILLING TO ACCEPT A SPECIAL CONSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN FIJI AND OCEAN ISLAND, IF THE UK AGREED TO THE SEPARATION OF OCEAN ISLAND FROM THE GILBERT ISLANDS. HE URGED THE UK TO TAKE A DECISION ON THE FUTURE OF OCEAN ISLAND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND STATED " ANY FURTHER DELAY WOULD BE SEEN BY THE BANABANS AS A DELIBERATE INTENTION TO POSTPONE MATTERS UNTIL THE PHOSPHATE ON OCEAN ISLAND HAD BEEN COMPLETELY EXHAUSTED." SEALY (TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO) THOUGHT PROSPECTS SEEMED BRIGHT FOR TUVALU IN THE AREAS OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, BUT WAS CONCERNED OVER THE FUTURE ECONOMIC BASE OF THE GILBERT ISLANDS WHEN ITS PHOSPHATE DEPOSITS WERE EXHAUSTED, AND ALSO THE IMPACT THAT WOULD HAVE ON UNEMPLOYMENT.

DALTON (UK) NOTED THAT AT TIMES IT WAS DIFFICULT TO DEAL WITH BOTH SELF-DETERMINATION AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, BUT THERE WAS A "FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCE" IN THE CASE OF OCEAN ISLAND AND HE WOULD GO INTO DETAIL ON THAT LATER. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE UK ALREADY STATED THAT THE WISHES OF THE PEOPLE OF A TERRITORY AS A WHOLE, WITHIN THE EXISTING BOUNDARIES OF THE TERRITORY SHOULD BE THE MAIN GUIDE TO

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INDEPENDENCE, AND THE PEOPLE OF THE GILBERT ISLANDS HAD STATED THEY WOULD NOT AGREE TO THE EXCLUSION OF OCEAN ISLAND.

11. ASSISTANCE TO BOTSWANA AND LESOTHO --

THE SYG SENT LETTERS TO GOVERNMENTS OF MEMBER STATES AND MEMBERS OF SPECIALIZED AGENCIES CONCERNING ASSISTANCE NEEDED BY BOTSWANA (S/12326) AND LESOTHO (S/12325) WHICH WILL BE DISCUSSED IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL BEGINNING MAY 24. (USUN 1471, 1472)

12. ALGERIAN MESSAGE ON WESTERN SAHARA --

AT REQUEST OF ALGERIA, UN CIRCULATED (A/32/86) TEXT OF
ALGERIAN FOREIGN MINISTER BOUTEFLIKA'S MESSAGE TO THE SYG WHICH
NOTES THE SAHARAN PEOPLE HAVE CONTINUED TO INTENSIFY THEIR
STRUGGLE FOR SELF-DETERMINATION; STATES ALGERIA ACTIVELY
COOPERATED WITH THE SYG'S SPECIAL ENVOY, RYDBECK; AND, INTER
ALIA, CONCLUDES IT IS ESSENTIAL TO RECONSIDER INITIATIVES FOR
IMPLEMENTING GA RESOLUTIONS WHICH WILL ALLOW THE EFFECTIVE
EXERCISE BY THE SAHARAN PEOPLE OF THEIR RIGHT TO SELF-
DETERMINATION. (USUN 1489)

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